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1 — Interior Department will review Gold King Mine spill, Albuquerque Journal, 8/19/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/630683/news/interior-department-will-review-gold-king-mine-spill.html>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that the federal Department of the Interior will lead an independent review of the Gold King Mine spill that released 3 million gallons of toxic wastewater into the Animas River from an abandoned mine north of Silverton, Colo., earlier this month.

2 — New Mexico will investigate mine spill, Albuquerque Journal, 8/20/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/631028/news/nm-environment-department-to-probe-spill.html>

Gov. Susana Martinez has added the state Environment Department to the list of agencies investigating the Aug. 5 spill of millions of gallons of toxic gold mine wastewater into the Animas River.

3 — Red River ‘comeback’ contrasts Animas mess, Taos News, 8/20/2015

http://www.taosnews.com/news/article_feb0dc84-46c1-11e5-8b0f-8fd9906452b8.html

For almost half a century, Taylor Streit has been harassing trout on the Red River. And for much of that time, he was also harassing officials at the Questa molybdenum mine — a major contributor of toxic contamination that would periodically wipe out one of his favorite fisheries.

4 — Osage oil producers file second lawsuit against BIA, Tulsa World, 8/19/2015

<http://bit.ly/1JkwF6s>

After a court victory last week in a separate case, Osage County oil producers filed a second lawsuit Tuesday against the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, this time blaming federal bureaucrats for a steep decline in drilling activity.

5 — Oft-shaken Okla. tops last year's quake record, Energywire, 8/19/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023632>

The 585 earthquakes that Oklahoma had in 2014 was a lot. But this year, Oklahoma has had more than that in less than nine months. About 20 minutes before midnight Monday, Oklahoma topped last year's total with its 586th earthquake of magnitude 3 or greater.

6 — South Baton Rouge shows political clout in battle against barge cleaning facility as neighbors to north also struggle with concerns about pollution, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/18/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13085141-123/south-baton-rouge-shows-political>

A proposed barge-cleaning facility along the Mississippi River near a neighborhood south of LSU has set off a firestorm of protest from an array of heavy-hitters.

7 – 5-year hog-farm ban passes legislative test, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/20/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/20/5-year-hog-farm-ban-passes-legislative-/>

A proposed five-year ban on new medium and large hog farms in the Buffalo National River watershed cleared its second-to-last hurdle Wednesday morning when it passed through the Arkansas Legislature's Rules and Regulations Committee with only one representative objecting.

8 — No foul play suspected in Conroe DrillChem explosions, fire officials say, Montgomery County Courier, 8/19/2015

<http://bit.ly/1J7IsWJ>

The fire at DrillChem Drilling Solutions in Conroe is believed to be accidental, though investigators say their job is not done yet.

9 — DuPont safety questioned after OSHA fines, deaths, Delaware News Journal, 8/20/2015

<http://www.delawareonline.com/story/money/business/2015/08/19/osha-fines-deaths-harm-duponts-safety-record/32018793/>

DuPont has long been recognized as a safety leader within the chemical industry. Its people train other companies and industries in best practices for environmental and workplace safety. Now, the company is facing heavy criticism from employee unions and government agencies after a series of high-profile accidents and deaths at plants across the country.

10 — Oklahoma AG Scott Pruitt says Obama administration regulations disrupting economy, Tulsa World, 8/20/2015

<http://bit.ly/1InXU2V>

The Obama administration's testing of regulatory limits is disrupting business activity, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt said Wednesday.

11 — Inhofe uses manatees to target latest EPA rules, Tulsa World, 8/19/2015

<http://bit.ly/1E72vbi>

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe says he wants to save the manatees in the warm waters of Florida by killing off the Obama administration's carbon emission rules for power plants.

12 — Colorado Already Put Methane Caps on Drillers, and It Worked, Washington Post, 8/19/2015

<http://washpost.bloomberg.com/Story?docId=1376-NTAJK7SYF01U01-7CGIOJGVBUTAVJNPFBITPFSH1A>

The state became a test case for similar controls last year when a coalition of energy companies and environmental groups agreed on measures to cut the pollution. In a bid to address smog, regulators there adopted the nation's first requirements for oil and natural gas companies to find and fix methane leaks.

13 — Cherokee Nation students sought for asthma study, Tulsa World, 8/18/2015

<http://bit.ly/1L19yN6>

A study by the Cherokee Nation and University of Tulsa to determine whether making changes at home or school reduces asthma among children is seeking 90 Cherokee families to participate.